THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures

SEM 751, Old South Arabian
Fall 2021

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Knowledge of a Semitic language.

Classroom: TBD
Time: TTh 1:30-2:45

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Course Description

This course, which is an introduction to the Old South Arabian languages, is divided into five parts: The first part aims to acquaint students with the best-attested Old South Arabian language, Sabaic, by reading a selection of dedicatory inscriptions. In the second part of the course, we will continue to read Sabaic inscriptions but explore other genres, such as building, legal, economic, and commemorative inscriptions. The third part of the course will continue with Sabaic but focus on the minuscule inscriptions recorded on wood sticks, exploring several genres, including letters, legal texts, and business accounts. The first three parts of the course will make use of the collection of texts in vol. 2 of P. Stein's *Lehrbuch der sabäischen Sprache*, supplemented occasionally with other texts. In the fourth part of the course, we will leave Sabaic and read inscriptions in other Old South Arabian languages, such as Minaic, Qatabanic, Hadramitic, and Amiritic. The fifth and final part of the course will explore what Old South Arabian inscriptions can contribute to the study of historical topics, such as early connections between the Arabian Peninsula and (what would become) the Aksumite empire, "monotheism" in pre-Islamic South Arabia, the so-called Najran episode, and finally the Aksumite ruler Abraha's presence in South Arabia in the sixth century.

Instructional Methods

Class reading of assigned Old South Arabian inscriptions, along with occasional introductory lectures.

Recommended Texts

DIGITAL TOOLS
Digital Archive for the Study of pre-Islamic Arabian Inscriptions (DASI): <http://dasi.cnr.it/>
Sabäisches Wörterbuch: <http://sabaweb.uni-jena.de/sabaweb>

GRAMMARS

A. F. L. Beeston, *Sabaic Grammar* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1984). (pdf)

P. Stein, *Untersuchungen zur Phonologie und Morphologie des Sabäischen* (Rahden: Verlag Marie Leidorf, 2003).

P. Stein, *Lehrbuch der sabäischen Sprache*, Vol. 1. *Grammatik*, Vol. 2. *Chrestomathie* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2012-2013).

LEXICA

A. F. L. Beeston, M. A. Ghul, W. W. Müller, and J. Ryckmans, *Sabaic Dictionary / Dictionnaire sabéen* (*English-French-Arabic*) (Louvain: Peeters, 1982). (pdf)

If you want to purchase any books for this class, I recommend beginning with some combination of these. I personally would start with the *Sabaic Dictionary* by Beeston et al. and Stein's *Lehrbuch*, especially the second volume containing the Chrestomathy.

It is, however, not strictly necessary to purchase any books for this course. All the required readings are available online on Blackboard – these are marked as '(pdf)' in the **Schedule** below – and/or through DASI. In addition, the necessary reference books, such as dictionaries and grammars, are available in the Semitics/ICOR Library.

Recommended Texts

See handout.

Libraries

The CUA Libraries' wide range of resources and services, including databases, online journals, and FAQs are on the main web site. For assistance on papers and assignments, consult the research guides or schedule an appointment with a subject librarian.

Course Goals

The primary goal of this course is to introduce students to inscriptions written in the Old South Arabian languages.

Goals for Student Learning

At the conclusion of the course, the student will be able to read, translate, and analyze Old South Arabian inscriptions.

Course Requirements

- Preparation for and active participation in each session of the class.
- Take-home Final. On the last day of class (**Dec. 9**), I will distribute an image of an inscription. You will be asked to prepare an edition of this inscription, including a transliteration, a translation, and relevant philological notes. The take-home final must be submitted by email (buttsa@cua.edu) by **11:59 PM on Dec. 16.**
- Encyclopedia Article. Imagine that a new handbook of Old South Arabian is being prepared and that you have been invited to write a 3,000 word article (not including bibliography) on the

topic of your expertise. This can be anything related to Old South Arabian that interests you: The linguistic classification of Old South Arabian, Minaic, Old South Arabian and the Study of the Qurʾān, Old South Arabian and the Aksumite Kingdom, or any number of other topics. This article should represent the state of the field, and the bibliography (which is not included in the word count) should be as comprehensive as possible. Your topic must be approved by the instructor by **November 12.** The entry itself is due by **11:59 PM on Dec. 19.** It should be submitted by email, formatted both as .docx and as .pdf, to buttsa@cua.edu.

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- Academic Integrity
- Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
- Attendance
- Conduct
- Final Exams
- Grades and appeals

All of Catholic University's policies are detailed at https://policies.catholic.edu/index.html. Please follow up with the instructor if you have any policy-related questions.

Of particular note are the policies regarding Academic Integrity, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, and Final Exams, which are described below.

Academic Integrity
Academic dishonesty at The Catholic University of America is not tolerated (https://policies.catholic.edu/students/academicundergrad/integrityfull.html and https://policies.catholic.edu/students/academicundergrad/integrityprocedures.html)

As such, academic integrity is not merely avoiding plagiarism or cheating, but it certainly includes those things. Academic integrity means, above all else, taking responsibility for your work, your ideas, and your effort, and giving credit to others for their work, ideas, and effort. If you submit work that is not your own – whether test answers, whole papers, or something in-between – that is considered to be academic dishonesty. University procedures related to academic dishonesty are conducted with respect and dignity, while also preserving accountability, and they presuppose that all participants will treat each other with respect and dignity.

The following sanctions are presented in the University procedures related to Student Academic Dishonesty:

> *"The presumed sanction for undergraduate students for academic dishonesty will be failure for the course. In the context of graduate studies, the expectations for academic honesty are greater, and therefore the presumed sanction for dishonesty is likely to be more severe, e.g., expulsion. …In the more unusual case, mitigating circumstances may exist that would warrant a lesser sanction than the presumed sanction."*

At times, you may do group work for an in-class presentation or group project. For that *specific* assignment, you are allowed to share material, ideas and information; however, for any related work that is to be submitted on an individual basis, your submission is expected to be your own in its entirety. If there is no group work in the class you should not collaborate with classmates on work that is to be submitted for an individual grade.

For more information about what academic integrity means at CUA, including your responsibilities and rights, visit https://integrity.catholic.edu/index.html.

Accommodations for students with disabilities: Any student who feels s/he may need a reasonable accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Office of Disability Support Services (https://dss.catholic.edu/index.html) by email at CUA-DSS@cua.edu or call 202-319-5211 to make an appointment to discuss possible accommodations. DSS recommends that a student with a disability meet with DSS staff during the first week of every semester since accommodations are not retroactive. Please note that instructors will only provide those accommodations included in the DSS accommodation letter. DSS is located in PRYZ 127.

Final Exam: The final exam must be given on the day and time assigned by Enrollment Services. Please plan accordingly for travel, work, special events, or appointments.

A student having an exam scheduling conflict as defined in the policy must report to her/his school's Academic Dean's Office no later than fourteen calendar days before the end of classes. The dean will assist the student in rescheduling the exam(s) for the course having the lowest enrollment(s). All make-up exams must be completed at the earliest possible time during the final examination period.

University Resources

- **Libraries** https://libraries.catholic.edu/
- **Center for Academic and Career Success** https://success.catholic.edu/
- **Math Center** https://success.catholic.edu/academic-support/math-center/index.html
- **Tutoring Services** https://success.catholic.edu/academic-support/tutoring-services/index.html
- **Writing Center** https://success.catholic.edu/academic-support/writing-center/index.html
- **Office of Disability Support Services** https://dss.catholic.edu/index.html
- **Counseling Center** https://counseling.catholic.edu/index.html
- **Student Health Services** https://health.catholic.edu/index.html
- **Dean of Students Office** https://deanofstudents.catholic.edu/index.html

Course Schedule

Introduction (Aug. 31)

SECONDARY

C. Robin, "Arabia and Ethiopia," in S. F. Johnson (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Late Antiquity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). 247-331. (pdf)

C. Robin, "Les langues de la péninsule Arabique," *Revue du monde musulman et de la Méditerranée* 61 (1991): 89-111. [part of a special issue, edited by Christian Robin, entitled *L'arabie antique de Karib'îl à Mahomet. Nouvelles données sur l'histoire des Arabes grâce aux inscriptions*] (pdf)

Overview of the Language (Sept. 2)

SECONDARY

N. Nebes and P. Stein, "Ancient South Arabian," in R. D. Woodard (ed.), *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the World's Ancient Languages* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). 454-487 (skip non-Sabaic sections). (pdf)

A. F. L. Beeston, *Sabaic Grammar* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1984). 1-58. (pdf)

R. Hasselbach, "Old South Arabian," in H. Gzella, *Languages from the World of the Bible* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2012). 160-193. (pdf)

P. Stein, "Ancient South Arabian," in S. Weninger (ed.), *The Semitic Languages. An International* Handbook (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2011). 1042-1073. (pdf)

I. SABAIC DEDICATORY INSCRIPTIONS

Old Sabaic (Sept. 7)

PRIMARY

	chrestomathy	**DASI**
Ja 831		http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=173
Ja 832		http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=1176
Schm Sir 71	A.1.1	
Gar ISA 1a	A.1.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=1362
AO 31929	A.1.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=544244356&recId=1290

Transitional Old-Middle Sabaic (Sept. 9)

PRIMARY

	DASI
Ja 550	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6272
Ja 551	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6273
Ja 552	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=1170
Ja 553	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=1171
Ja 554	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6275
Ja 555	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6276
Ja 556	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6277
Ja 557	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=907985617&recId=6278

SEE ALSO

P. Stein, "Linguistic contributions to Sabaean chronology," *Archäologische Berichte aus dem Yemen* 10 (2005): 179-189. (pdf)

Middle Sabaic (Sept. 14, 16)

	chrestomathy	DASI
CIH 91	A.2.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=107
Schm Sir 135	A.2.2	
CIH 536	A.2.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=137
Ja 587	A.2.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=5990
al-Saʿīd 2005	A.2.5	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=6722
Ja 706	A.2.6	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=6088
Ir 34	A.2.7	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=6220
al-Jawf 04.15	A.2.8	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=4080
Ir 69	A.2.9	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=6641

II. Other Sabaic Genres

Building Inscriptions (Sept. 21)

	chrestomathy	DASI
RES 3949	B.1.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1220
CIH 634	B.1.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1208
RES 3902 bis N° 131	B.1.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1058
YMN 16	B.2.1	
Wādī al-Sirr 1	B.2.2	
E 40	B.2.3	
Ja 2867	B.2.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=9174
Gar Bayt al-Ashwal 2	B.3.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=2396

Legal and Economic Inscriptions (Sept. 23)

	chrestomathy	DASI
DAI Barʾān 1990-1	C.1.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1099
RES 4907	C.1.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1241
MAFRAY-Ḥuṣn Āl Ṣāliḥ 1	C.1.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1014
DAI FH ʾAwām 2000-3	C.1.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=9192
DAI FH ʾAwām 2000-4	C.1.5	
Robin/ al-Mašamayn 1	C.2.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7388
CIH 617	C.2.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=148
MAFRAY-Quṭra 1	C.2.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7757
CIH 376	C.2.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7977
Gl 1533	C.2.5	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&collId=0&navId=336216217&recId=9000

Commemorative Inscriptions (Sept. 28)

	chrestomathy	DASI
Ja 2848 w	E.1.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1190
Y.85.AQ/20	E.1.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1269
Y.85.Y/1	E.1.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1284
Ry 586	E.1.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=1249
Gr 157	E.2.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=9879
Arbach 3	E.2.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=8968
Robin-Radāʿ 1	E.2.3	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=9176
Kortler 2	E.2.4	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7499
ʿAbadān 2	E.2.5	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=5557
ʿAbadān 3	E.2.5	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=5558
ʿAbadān 4	E.2.5	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=5559

Oracles (Sept. 30)

	chrestomathy	DASI
MB 2002 I-28	F.1.2	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=6203

III. SABAIC MINUSCULES

SECONDARY

P. Stein, "The Ancient South Arabian minuscule inscriptions on wood. A new genre of pre-Islamic epigraphy," *Jaarbericht van het vooraziatisch-egyptisch Genootschap "Ex Oriente Lux"* 39 (2005): 181-199.

J. Ryckmans, "Origin and Evolution of South Arabian Miniscule Writing on Wood," *Arabian Archaeology and Epigrpahy* 12 (2001): 223-235. (pdf)

Abecedary and Letters (Oct. 5)

PRIMARY

	chrestomathy	DASI
Mon.script.sab. 662	H.1	
Oost.Inst. 14	D.1.1	here
Mon.script.sab. 25	D.1.2	
Mon.script.sab. 68	D.2.1	here
Mon.script.sab. 634	D.2.2	
Oost.Inst. 148	D.3.1	
Mon.script.sab. 6	D.3.2	

Legal/Business Texts and an Oracular Decree (Oct. 7)

PRIMARY

	chrestomathy	DASI
Mon.script.sab. 46	C.2.6	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=79&prjId=1&corId=27&colId=0&navId=333073510&recId=4154
Mon.script.sab. 385	C.2.7	
A 40-3 = TYA 16	F.1.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=79&prjId=1&corId=27&colId=0&navId=333073510&recId=4145

* * * NO CLASS * * * (Oct. 12, 14)

IV. DIALECTOLOGY

Minaic (Oct. 19)

SECONDARY

A. F. L. Beeston, *Sabaic Grammar* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1984). 58-64.

N. Nebes and P. Stein, "Ancient South Arabian," in R. D. Woodard (ed.), *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the World's Ancient Languages* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). Sec. 3.5; 4.7; 5.8.

PRIMARY

4; 5; 8; 16; 18; 19 in G. Gnoli, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques / Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 2. *Shabaq al-Manaṣṣa* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 1993). (pdf)

37 in A. Avanzini, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques / Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 4. *As-Sawda'* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 1995). (pdf)

Minaic (Oct. 21)

PRIMARY

1; 6; 7; 9; 13; 17; 62; 82 in F. Bron, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques* / *Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 3. *Maʿīn* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 1998). (pdf)

40 in A. Avanzini, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques* / *Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 4. *As-Sawdaʾ* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 1995). (pdf)

Qatabanic (Oct. 26)

SECONDARY

A. F. L. Beeston, *Sabaic Grammar* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1984). 64-67.

PRIMARY

pp. 109; 117; 125; 131; 139; 147; 179 (parallel text to 147) in *Corpus des inscriptions et antiquités sud-arabes*, Volume 1. Section. 1. *Inscriptions* (Louvain: Peeters, 1977). (pdf)

Hadramitic (Oct. 28)

SECONDARY

A. F. L. Beeston, *Sabaic Grammar* (Manchester: University of Manchester Press, 1984). 67-70.

S. Frantsouzoff, "En marge des inscriptions de Raybūn. Remarques sur la grammaire, le lexique et le formulaire de la langue ḥaḍramoutique épigraphique," *Arabia* 1 (2003): 39-58. (pdf)

PRIMARY

27; 202 in S. Frantsouzoff, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques* / *Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 5. *Raybūn* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 2001). (pdf)

p. 159; p. 191 in *Corpus des inscriptions et antiquités sud-arabes*, Volume 1. Section. 1. *Inscriptions* (Louvain: Peeters, 1977). (pdf)

918; 919; 921; 923; 925; 926; 928; 944; 949; 957; 959; 961; 969; 973; 986; 988; 996; 997 in A. Jamme, *The Al-ʿUqlah Texts* (Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 1963). (pdf)

[in a single pdf]

Amiritic (Nov. 2)

SECONDARY

P. Stein, "Materialien zur sabäischen Dialektologie: Das Problem des amiritischen („haramischen") Dialektes," *ZDMG* 157 (2007): 13-47. (pdf)

PRIMARY

	chrestomathy	**DASI**
Haram 35	F.1.1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=79&prjId=1&corId=27&colId=0&navId=333073510&recId=4145

8; 10; 13; 33; 35; 36; 40; 53; 56 in C. Robin, *Inventaire des inscriptions sudarabiques / Inventario delle iscrizioni sudarabiche*, Vol. 1. *Inabba', Haram, al-Karir, Kamna et al-Harashif* (Paris: Diffusion de Boccard / Rome: Herder, 1992). (pdf)

V. HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

Sabaic Inscriptions in Ethiopia (Nov. 4)

I. Gajda and Yohannes Gebre Selassie, "Pre-Aksumite inscribed incense burner and some architectural ornaments from Addi Akaweh (Tigrai, Ethiopia)," *Annales d'Éthiopie* 24 (2009): 49-61. (pdf)

N. Nebes, "Die Inschriften aus dem ʾAlmaqah-Tempel in ʿAddi ʾAkawəḥ (Tigray)," *Zeitschrift für Orientarchäologie* 3 (2010): 214-237. (pdf)

C. Robin and A. de Maigret, "Le Grand Temple de Yéha (Tigray, Éthiopie), après la première campagne de fouilles de la Mission française (1998)," *CRAIBL* 142 (1998): 737-798. (pdf)

	DASI
Addi Akaweh 1	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7551
RIÉ 9 = Abuna Garimā I	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7554
RIÉ 10 = Abuna Garimā II	http://dasi.cnr.it/index.php?id=dasi_prj_epi&prjId=1&corId=0&colId=0&navId=336216217&recId=7808

Contacts between South Arabia and Ethiopia (Nov. 9)

SECONDARY

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